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FOREIGN PLANT QUARANTINES



Blue Ridge Gardens  
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BOXWOOD :: PERENNIALS  
Elliston, Virginia

OUR COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN BOXWOOD IS ONE OF  
THE LARGEST IN THIS COUNTRY

For

*Mr. Walter R. Hunt.*

*25-15 17th St. N. W.*

*Washington, D. C.*



# SPECIMEN PLANTS

## BUXUS SUFFRUTICOSA (OLD ENGLISH DWARF BOX)

Our stock is large and selection should be made at our Nursery. We have many Specimen Plants ranging in size from two-foot to ten-foot spread.

## BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS (BUSH BOX)

We have this Boxwood in sizes from three feet to ten feet. Prices on application.

## BUXUS SUFFRUTICOSA

Edging Plants much used for edging borders, beds or walks or for window boxes.

This Suffruticosa Box is the variety used by The Father of Our Country in edging the walks at Mount Vernon.

6 to 8-inch.....	\$ 40.00 hundred
8 to 10-inch.....	75.00 hundred
12-inch.....	100.00 hundred

## BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS TUB PLANTS

This variety of Boxwood is of a more rapid growth, requires shearing to keep it compact. It is largely used for hedging. Sometimes used around walls of old gardens. Also much used for window boxes, tubs and jardinières.

We have this Boxwood in pyramid as well as globe shapes and standards.

## BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS

15-inch.....	\$1.50
18-inch.....	2.00
Sheared Globes 18-inch.....	4.00
Sheared Globes 24-inch.....	6.00
Sheared Pyramid 18-inch.....	4.00
Sheared Pyramid 30-inch.....	6.00
Sheared Pyramid 36 to 48-inch.....	12.50
Standard, Head 18 x 18.....	15.00

## HEDGE PLANTS

Buxus Suffruticosa, 7-inch.....\$25.00 hundred

Buxus Sempervirens, 10-inch..... 25.00 hundred

These plants are not as well furnished as stock quoted above. Not as broad and not sheared as close. Very nice plants where one wishes an inexpensive hedge.

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR BOXWOOD

Our Plants are Root Pruned many times in our Nursery. They transplant with a minimum loss.

Our Nursery is located in the foot hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Our soil is dark Alluvial Loam; our cool nights and cool mountain air gives our Boxwood that much desired rich green color.

## PERENNIALS

We specialize on Boxwood and Perennials of the better kinds.

Our Perennial List will be gladly mailed upon request.

## BLUE RIDGE GARDENS

INCORPORATED

ELLISTON, VIRGINIA

Nineteen Miles West of Roanoke on Lee Highway





# BOXWOOD

*By Mary Louisa Hellings*

Boxwood is as old as civilization can record. The most mysterious and romantic plant life is undoubtedly associated around the name of Boxwood. Not everyone calls it Boxwood, however, as in each country it is revealed under a different aspect. At Kent, England, they call it Boxley, while only a short distance away it is called Box Tree. Thus it is so variously named throughout the different sections of America.

During the early New England days, this evergreen shrub was used to enclose gardens and their individual flower beds as well as to edge walks. The idea was carried out by the English in Philadelphia and on to Washington, D. C.

The marked taste that George Washington showed in designing the parterre of Mt. Vernon with its many paths, hedges and edgings of Boxwood is perhaps the finest original exhibit left for study and admiration that American gardeners could desire. The care and time so zealously bestowed upon the grounds about Mt. Vernon must have afforded a real sense of comfort and hospitality between his remarkable achievements for our land. And now that more than a century has passed in growing this bitter-sweet shrub to its present perfection, it is certainly a thing to be envied, loved and desired.

Its pungent odor, so unpleasant to the nostrils of some people is to others, like myself, more agreeable than all the wafting fragrance of Araby, hanging like a morning mist over the garden, permeating even into the house on rainy mornings with its mysteriously stirring something that opens a way into our gallery of memories and gives a new inspiring light to life.

Just as we find Englishmen enchanted by the Yew, so we find the Boxwood reigning supreme here. This matchless evergreen of colonial days is not to be lost sight of in the present age. To the contrary, it is being sought greatly and a sentiment is now associating about it as would attach to some rare treasure. It is being planted as specimens here and there about the grounds as one would erect statues.

The best known of the genus is the Common Boxwood (*Buxus Sempervirens*). The most luxuriant specimens are found growing in chalky soil in sections of the New England States. Truedwarf Boxwood (*B. S. Suffruticosa*) is as equally well known in gardens where an edging is desired for walks.

In their solemn dignity, they spread a welcoming warmth of color along the garden as a hedge when a bleak landscape is the only frame during our northern winters. But the most inspiring time of their life is in the spring. It is then the specimen Boxwoods poise like altars erected of polished worth where the votaries of Flora may come to worship and lay their offerings of perfumed beauty.

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